

HOUSE RESOLUTION 244

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A RESOLUTION to recognize William Oliver on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, William "Doc" Oliver of Ardmore is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-six years as an officer of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Doc Oliver is taking a much deserved retirement from the position of Ardmore Chief of Police, a role he has commendably and admirably fulfilled for the past thirty-two years; and

WHEREAS, the son of Eugenia Kirkland Oliver and Carey Robert Oliver, Chief Oliver is one of many men in his family who became law enforcement officers, with his father, two brothers, and grandson also dedicating their lives to serving and protecting their communities; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from high school, Doc Oliver embarked upon his long and storied career in law enforcement, first serving as a jailer, dispatcher, and police officer for Giles County; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, at the age of thirty-one, Chief Oliver became the youngest person to gain election to the post of Sheriff of Giles County; after serving two terms as Sheriff between 1978 and 1982, Doc Oliver became the Chief of Police in the City of Ardmore and has spent the past thirty-two years directing one of the most complex police departments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to Ardmore's location, the City requires its police officers to be certified to enforce the law in both Tennessee and Alabama; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as Chief of Police, Doc Oliver has cultivated the growth and development of the police department while engendering the well-being of his officers; and

WHEREAS, Chief Oliver is an active and important part of his community and his profession and has participated in numerous worthy organizations, including the Alabama Association of Police Chiefs; the Police Chiefs Association of Tennessee; the Ardmore Civitan Club, which he has served as chaplain; and the Ardmore Charities, which he was instrumental in founding. He also lent his time and energies as a Little League baseball coach; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Doc Oliver was chosen as the Officer of the Year in 2003 by the Pulaski Exchange Club and was chosen to stand as the Grand Marshal of the 2009 Limestone County Sheriff's Rodeo Parade; and

WHEREAS, Chief Oliver exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Doc Oliver has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the good people of Giles County and the City of Ardmore; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to William "Doc" Oliver our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors and extend our deepest gratitude for his many years of dedicated service during his career in law enforcement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.